

In The Matter Of:
Scott Ballock v.
Ellen Ruth Costlow, et al

Scott Ballock
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1 correct?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Without going into any details about the actual
4 discussion that occurred, is it fair to say that you
5 discussed this agreement with your counsel before you
6 signed it?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Looking on the second page, the first paragraph
9 of the agreement. "Scott Ballock acknowledges that
10 probable cause existed for West Virginia State Police to
11 file for the issuance of the warrants in this case
12 pursuant to West Virginia Code Section 61-3C-14a and
13 Section 61-2-9a." Did Corporal Gaskins have probable
14 cause to charge you with those violations?

15 A. I don't believe he did.

16 Q. You signed at the bottom of this agreeing that
17 he did. Did you submit a false statement to the
18 magistrate court?

19 A. In that regard, yes.

20 Q. Now, as an FBI agent investigating crimes, you
21 understood what probable cause meant; correct?

22 A. Yes. It's a very low standard.

23 Q. And when you would investigate cases, you would
24 gather the evidence and present it to a U.S. Attorney;
25 correct?